Aerobridge at Bangalore Airport

4042. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI G. MADE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an aerobridge at Bangalore airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Reception of Doordarshan Programmes in Faridabad

4043. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure clear reception of telecast of Doordarshan Delhi programmes is Faridabad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): Faridabad in Haryana falls within the coverage zone of the primary channel and second channel transmitters of Doordarshan kendra, Delhi. Both these high power TV transmitters operating from Delhi are reported to be functioning normally and providing satisfactory service within their coverage areas including Faridabad. However, quality of reception from Band–I transmitter of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi gets affected, on rare occasion, by the interference caused by signals from some distant foreign TV transmitters due to abnormal atmospheric conditions during certain periods of the year. Since such phenomenon occurs very rarely, no remedial measures have been contemplated.

[*English*]

Sub–Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh District, Karnataka

4044. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open sub-post offices in Mandya District, Karnataka during 1992–93; and

(b) if so, the details with location thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to open a sub post Office, subject to justification, at Hosahalli Extension, Mandya during the year 1992–93.

[*Translation*]

Modernisation of Telegraph offices in Bihar

4045. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new telegraph offices and modernise the existing ones;

(b) if so, the number of Telegraph Offices opened, in Bihar during the Seventh Plan;

(c) the number of telegraph offices proposed to be opened in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details of telegraph offices selected for modernisation during the Eigth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the Seventh Plan Period 1752 Combined Post and Telegraph Offices have been opened.

(c) It is proposed to open 150 Telegraph Offices during the Eighth Plan period.

(d) The details of Telegraph Offices selected for Modernisation during the Eighth Plan period is given in Statement below.

STATEMENT

List of Telegraph Offices identified for Modernisation during Eigth plan period

A. *Provision of SFMS Ports*

1.	Arrah
2.	Munger
3.	Hajipur
4.	Semastipur
5.	Siwan
6.	Deogarh
7.	Gopalganj
8.	Darbhanga
9.	Motihari
10.	Sitamarhi
11.	Madhubani
12.	Raxual
13.	saharsa
14.	Purnea
15.	Bettiah
16.	Bokharo Steel City
17.	Ramgarh Cantt
18.	Daltanganj
19.	Jharia
20.	Chaibasa
21.	Lohardaga
22.	Dumka
23.	Sasaram
24.	Giridih
25.	Madhepur
26.	Godda
27.	Aurangabad
28.	Nawada
29.	Jehanabad
30.	Khagaria

B. *Proposed Centres for installation of Electronic Key–Board Concentrators.*

1.	Patna
2.	Ranchi

3. Muzzaffarpur
4. Katihar
5. Jamshedpur
6. Hazaribagh

C. *Names of Combined Post & telegraph Offices proposed to be upgraded as full-filedged Telegraph Offices, for inclusion in Modernisation*

1. Sahibganj
2. Kishanganj
3. Supaul
4. Baka
5. Jamui
6. Baksar
7. Barh
8. Bhubua
9. Chhatra
10. Garhwa
11. Gumla

Coal based Sponge Iron Plants

4046. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up coal based sponge iron plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Sponge Iron Plant is likely to be set up in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). 13 coal based sponge iron projects (including expansion projects) with a total capacity of 19.40 lakh tonnes per annum are under implementation in the private sector.

Details of the projects are as under:–

State	*Number of projects under implementation*	*Capacity (in lakh tonnes)*
Andhra Pradesh	2	2.80
Bihar	1	1.50
Karnataka	1	0.60
Maharashtra	1	1.50
Madhya Pradesh	7	12.70
Tamil Nadu	1	0.30
	Total	19.40